

The Times' Daily Short Story.

CHASED BY
DANITES

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In the old days of the overland trail and Mormonism a government freight train which had reached Fort Bridger and unloaded and was about to depart again met with disaster. As the mules were being driven in a thunderstorm broke and stampeded the herd. A party of us were out looking for them when we came to a pass about 200 feet wide. Suddenly the mules came down as if running for their lives, and on the back of one, riding man fashion and holding her rifle in her right hand and clinging with her left to a neck strap made from the skirt of her dress, was a young woman—Mary Johnson.

We drew aside to let the herd pass, and but for her exclamation as she flew by we should have been dumfounded by the queer sight.

"Danites! Indians! Look out!" she shouted. And we turned our heads on the trail just as a body of horsemen came into view.

A quarter of a mile in the rear of us the pass narrowed suddenly to twenty feet, and we fell back without delay and dismounted. The other party had halted at sight of us instead of charging, and before they advanced we were pretty well fixed to hold the pass. There were a score of stunted trees growing on the rocky sides, and these were uprooted and thrown down, and every rock which could be moved was tumbled into the pass. In ten minutes we had it blocked. The girl came up from our rear just as one of the Danites advanced with a flag of truce.

She gave us her story in a few brief words and then crouched down behind the breastwork to help us defend it. The messenger claimed her as his lawful wife. He was very gentle in his speech at first, but after finding that we would not give the woman up he declared that his force numbered twelve Indians and six white men and that none of us need hope to escape death. What he said about numbers was true, as the pursuing white party had come across a band of Indian hunters and enlisted their services. We knew what to make ready for when the flag of truce man departed.

The entire force charged us on foot, very many of us had a pair of Colt's shooters besides his rifle. We placed our rifles within reach of the girl and ed only our revolvers. She fired the shot from her own weapon, and a bullet killed a white man so stone dead that he never moved a foot after falling. An Indian was also killed by one of us, and those were the only dead, but several of them must have been wounded in the fusillade. They

stopped and broke before reaching the breastwork.

The next move of the enemy was an attempt to stampede their horses over us and to follow at their heels and take advantage of our bewilderment. We presently suspected what they were up to and gathered a quantity of dry leaves and brush. To frighten their horses and give them a rush they fired their guns and uttered dreadful yells.

At the first alarm we set the leaves ablaze, and as the horses saw the wall of fire they stopped short. We poured our bullets into them as fast as possible as they huddled together not over fifty feet away, and I do not believe that over three of the animals got away unhurt. It went against the grain to do it, but it proved to be the turning point in the fight if not our salvation.

Some of the Indians were in our rear, but without our suspecting it. The Danites had probably promised them a few pounds of powder or an old rifle to help recapture the girl, but they had not counted on any one being killed or wounded or losing his pony. The redskins at once drew out of the fight, and there was nothing for the Danite party to do but haul off. One white man had been killed and three wounded. Two Indians had been killed and four wounded. These figures I got from an Indian a year later.

After an hour had passed without any movement on the part of the enemy one of our party went forward to reconnoiter and found the fellows had retreated. There were seven dead horses in the pass. It was not until we had left the pass, secured our mules and gone into camp for the night that we knew the name of the young woman who had galloped into our hands. She had made fair progress on her way through the pass, but as she was on foot and her pursuers were on horseback they rapidly overhauled her. She had come upon our fugitive mules as they were feeding, and as they had had their run she had no difficulty in approaching them. She reasoned that they belonged to a camp near by and had just mounted one when she heard the yells of the Danites half a mile away.

The girl was quiet and gentle spoken, and to see her blushing under our gaze and twisting her fingers about each other as she told her story you couldn't give her credit for the pluck she had displayed. She was far more concerned about her father's future than her own, and soon after our return to the fort we began a movement to get information of him. Upon the return of the pursuing and defeated party he was taken to Salt Lake City as a prisoner, and from that day to this no gentle has ever learned what his fate was. It must have been death in some form, for he was never seen again. After a stay at the fort of several weeks the daughter was sent east and ultimately returned to relatives in Georgia. Two years later the commandant's wife received a letter giving the news of her marriage.

Christian Party Convention Called.
Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The Christian party has issued a call for a national mass convention to be held at St. Louis May 1 and 2 to nominate candidates for president and vice president. The call is issued to "all the people who believe that war and unnecessary burdensome taxation should cease and that the people should unite and henceforth demand a direct vote of the people on all questions of vital importance and that Christ's Golden Rule should be applied to all government by and for the people."

Desperate Struggle.
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 21.—Boone Potter, a young white man who is known as "the Watauga county desperado," being charged with the murder of a number of people and awaiting trial for murder, has escaped from jail at Lenoir, N. C. Potter forced a negro prisoner to go with him for several miles to prevent his giving the alarm. Potter has been in jail a number of times, but as often made his escape. His last arrest occurred in Montana, where he had fled from officers in this state.

TOTTERMAN
ARRAIGNEDMan Accused of "Ripper" Murder
Held Without Bail.

LATE SHIPMATE ARRESTED.

Sailor Henry Gray Will Be State's
Chief Witness Against the Suspect—Evidence of Guilt
Seems Conclusive.

New York, Dec. 23.—Probably the most important witness in the murder of old Sarah Martin, the victim of a Jack the Ripper in a James slip hotel, was taken into custody about the time Emil Totterman, charged with the crime, was arraigned before Magistrate Breen in the Center street court.

While the police refused to make public the name of this witness, they said he had been arrested at his home in Brooklyn by Captain Gallagher of the Hamilton avenue police station. This witness, Henry Gray, is the man who shipped on the Belano with Totterman, who was with him when he purchased the sweater and shoes in the Bridgeport store and who came with him to New York.

When the witness was taken to the house of detention he told the police that he had left Totterman Saturday in the neighborhood of the hotel where Sarah Martin was killed. He said that he next saw Totterman at the sailors' headquarters, at 37 South street, Monday morning. Totterman had all the newspapers, he said, and was greatly interested in the story of the James slip murder. They discussed it at this time, but Totterman gave no indication that he possessed any personal knowledge of it. It was while this witness was talking to Totterman that the detectives arrested him.

Totterman Arraigned.
Totterman, handcuffed to Detective Cronin, was arraigned before Magistrate Breen, and on the request of Assistant District Attorney Garvan he was remanded to the Tombs without bail to await the action of the coroner.

The accused man was more calm than any one else in the room. He silently chewed on a quid of tobacco as he looked quietly about him. He was taken immediately to a cell in the Tombs. Assistant District Attorney Garvan has received additional evidence from the detectives. Under the criminal code of this state Totterman cannot plead guilty to murder in the first degree, and unless he is found to be insane, as the nature of his crime would imply, he must stand trial.

A "Union Label" Funeral.
Chicago, Dec. 23.—Members of the Livery Drivers' union met to consider an arbitration plan to settle their strike. The plan grew out of a meeting of a committee of employers and representatives of the union. While arbitration was being considered news was received of the first "union label" funeral since the strike began. The funeral was arranged by Undertaker G. M. Marks, the body of the deceased being removed in a "dead" wagon bearing a placard proclaiming the vehicle to be owned by an undertaker paying the union scale. It was also the first funeral in which a procession of carriages was supplied to carry the mourners. There were six carriages labeled like the improvised hearse.

Connecticut Bank in Trouble.
Hartford, Conn., Dec. 23.—A petition for a receivership of the Windham County National bank of Danielson was presented in the superior court before Judge Gager by Mrs. Ella S. Russell of Killingly, widow of former Congressman Russell, alleging that the president of the bank and certain of the directors have been using the funds of the bank for stock speculation to such an extent that it is doubtful if the capital stock of the bank is equal to the outstanding indebtedness. She further alleged many fraudulent acts by the bank officers, whom she names. The petition was first considered in chambers, and later it was announced that a hearing would be held in open court.

Coroner's Verdict on Pugilist's Death.
Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 23.—The coroner's jury in the case of Thomas Pennington, the pugilist, who died a few hours after his fight with Kid Williams last Friday night, has returned a verdict that "deceased came to his death from rupture of a blood vessel in the brain caused by blows received in a boxing contest with Kid Williams in this city and, in our opinion, without malice." The gloves were examined by the jury and found to be over five ounces. Williams is out on \$3,000 bail.

Holland Arming.
The Hague, Dec. 23.—The second chamber of the Dutch parliament voted \$1,750,000 to purchase new Krupp quick firing guns. The measure was only carried by 59 to 38 votes and after a heated debate, the Socialists and Progressists contesting the necessity for a large army expenditure, especially in view of the outlay required in connection with social legislation.

Story About Czarina False.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—There is no truth in the report published by a news agency in the United States that the czarina recently gave birth to a dead son. The story is pronounced to be absurd. It is pointed out that she lives an absolutely public life and that any concealment of such an event as the one referred to would be impossible.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Mrs. Rogers of Vermont May Die For
Killing Her Husband.

Bennington, Vt., Dec. 23.—The verdict of the Rogers murder trial has been announced. It was "guilty of murder in the first degree" against Mary A. Rogers, who was charged with the murder of her husband, Marcus H. Rogers, on Aug. 12, 1902.

If Mrs. Rogers is sentenced to death she cannot be executed before 1905, as the law provides that a session of the legislature, which has the power of pardon, must intervene between the pronouncement of a death sentence and its execution. No woman has been executed in Vermont within the past twelve years.

Mrs. Rogers, according to the evidence at the trial, lured her husband, from whom she had separated, to the banks of the Walloomsac river one day last summer on the pretext that she wished to effect a reconciliation. While there she embraced him, and two accomplices, a man who employed Mrs. Rogers and a woman friend, bound the husband. Mrs. Rogers administered chloroform and then cast the bound body into the river. It was said in testimony that Mrs. Rogers previously had offered her employer the entire \$500 insurance on her husband's life if he would manage to do away with the man.

KILLS HIMSELF IN JAIL.

Tragic End of Man Who Used Mails
to Defraud.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Charles D. Fenstermacher, aged forty-eight years, who had been convicted in the United States district court of using the mails to defraud, committed suicide by hanging himself with a towel in a cell in the county prison.

When arrested, Fenstermacher was employed as a bookkeeper for a firm of commission merchants. Postal Inspector Holden says his criminal record extends over a period of thirty years. His plan was to mail letters to farmers in various sections of the country through which he secured large consignments of produce. This he sold, but failed to make adequate financial returns to the farmers.

During his trial witnesses from North Carolina, Georgia, Ohio and New York state testified that they had been victimized by Fenstermacher. He was committed to the county prison pending the result of an appeal for a new trial.

Punctuation Invalidates a Law.
Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 23.—Governor Cummins has refused the application of the governor of New Jersey for the extradition of Fred Shivers, charged at Camden, N. J., with wife desertion. Governor Cummins regards the New Jersey law invalid because of the omission of a comma and the insertion of a conjunction. "The New Jersey laws on wife desertion provide for the punishment of men who 'desert their wives and leave the state.'" Governor Cummins points out that "leaving the state" must be part of the crime, therefore the crime could not be committed until the offender had left the state, and, having left the state before the crime was committed, he could not be extradited and returned to the state.

Assaulted by White Caps.
Brook Haven, Miss., Dec. 23.—Eli Hillson, a negro living eight miles from Brook Haven, has been assassinated while on his way home from town alone in his buggy. Hillson was warned by White Caps last winter to leave the country, but he paid no attention to the warning. His home was visited in the night about four weeks ago by White Caps, who fired several volleys into the house. He still disregarded the warning and remained at his home. Hillson is the second negro killed in the same section of Lincoln county within the last month.

Moody Confers With President.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Moody had a brief conference with the president before the latter went riding. They considered the latest official advice received by the navy department from the isthmus of Panama, but assurance is given that they are of no great importance. Both the president and Secretary Moody are keeping in close touch with the situation through the naval officers at the isthmus. Should anything either significant or important occur there the administration will be advised immediately.

Twelve Jump From Windows.
Menominee, Mich., Dec. 23.—Fire caused twelve persons to jump from the second story windows of the Travelers' Home, a small hotel here. The thirteenth guest, James Beatty, was found dead in the ruins. Joseph Vorachek was fatally burned. Fred Jenaki was badly injured in jumping. The hotel was practically destroyed.

Higginson's Eightieth Birthday.
Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 23.—Literary people of New England sent congratulations to Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, who is observing the eightieth anniversary of his birth. Colonel Higginson received his friends at his home on Buckingham street.

Parker Indorsed in Tennessee.
Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The Franklin county Democratic convention, meeting at Winchester, adopted resolutions indorsing Judge Alton B. Parker of New York for president of the United States.

Governor Cummins' Mother Dead.
Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 23.—Mrs. T. J. Cummins, mother of Governor Albert Cummins, has died of pneumonia.

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